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TELEGRAPHING TO THE PRESIDENT.

Springfield Republican

It is hard to conceive of a more thorough waste of money than awaits the \$1,000 contributed by Mrs. Henry Ford to the promotion of peace. After discussion at the Hotel McAlpin in New York, which is the headquarters of Miss Jane Addams, president of the women's peace party, it was decided to spend the money in getting the women's clubs of America, numbering from 8,000 to 10,000, to bombard President Wilson with Thanksgiving day telegrams urging positive action toward the intervention of the United States for the peace of the world.

Somewhat it reminds one of the disturbed woman on a yacht caught by a squall who told the much occupied skipper, "Oh, do sail straight home, captain; don't stop to tack." Her desire for the peace and solidity of dry land was wholly sincere, but her ideas as to method were at fault. It is no disparagement to the 8,000 or 10,000 women's clubs of the land which are doing such useful work to suggest that their interesting and instructive programme have not given much full and intimate knowledge of world conditions, on which basis put at the disposal of the President of the United States.

It is quite safe to say that not Henry Ford, nor Mrs. Henry Ford, nor the women's peace party desires peace more earnestly than Woodrow Wilson, or is readier to act in its behalf when his judgment tells him that it is time. To give that judgment more value he has devoted his life to the study of history, politics and government. For deciding such a question he has a background of knowledge and patient reflection such as no man has.

President of the United States before him has possessed. It would be difficult to name an American better fitted by long training as well as by sober judgment and high ideals, including a passionate devotion to peace, to give a decision in such a matter. And this is the captain of the ship of state who is to be urged to steer the desired course without "stopping to tack."

That \$10,000 check might much better have gone for Thanksgiving turkeys.

A PARTY IN QUANDARY.

There need be no doubt that the Republicans in Congress are in a quandary. A mighty storm is upon them. They are being asked to take the country for the president's foreign policy, but they do not dare array themselves on the side of the hyphenated pro-Germans who are doing the same. They are tempted to grumble because we did not go to war over Belgium and the Lusitania, but are reluctant thus to enter the pro-British camp.

They are not all cordial in their support of plans for national defense, and yet with all their carping they will hardly assume responsibility for the defeat of these measures. They are heart and soul in favor of an old-fashioned Mark Hanna tariff, but the condition of foreign commerce does not admit of it and they are still in terror of the Progressives. They want to complain because we are not at war with Mexico, but they are afraid to do so, for there is evidence to show that Germany conspired to compel American intervention.

Whichever way they turn in pursuit of selfish or vexatious partisan policies they find the roads harrowed, with dangers signals flying right and left. In a single direction is there an open thoroughfare, and that is the one which the Administration is pursuing as the champion of national honor, peace and security. It is going to be easy for Republicans this winter to be patriotic, helpful and decent. It is going to be not only difficult but ruinous for them to be anything else.


We have a hankering for the Republican party with all its faults, and we should grieve to see it wrecked by the false notion that a minority must in all cases antagonize and bedevil the government. This is a time when Americanism transcends all partyism, and woe will be the politicians who appreciate the fact. The paramount duty of the Republican Congressional caucus to assemble next week is to resolve that individually and collectively its members shall not make fools of themselves.

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SUMMARY OF BOLL WEEVIL SUGGESTIONS.

By W. E. Hinds, Entomologist

1. Plan to raise all food supplies, forage, etc., needed at home.
2. Prepare ground thorough, before planting. Practice deep plowing in fall.
3. Plant cotton when soil and air conditions insure rapid, continuous growth.
4. Provide for rotation of crops and have something to sell each month.
5. Practice frequent, shallow cultivation only, continuing until cotton opens.
6. Pick weeds, when abundant, from tops of young plants at time squares begin to form. Later, if ground is moist or temperatures average below 90 degrees, pick and destroy infested squares beginning ten days after first bloom appears and repeating every fifth day for six weeks.
7. Quick plant growth by proper drainage, fertilization and frequent cultivation, especially increase humus in soil.
8. Quit using "gun run" seed. Select seed in field for next planting. Pick crop out as early as possible.
9. Quit depending on stand until spring. Destroy all green cotton as early in fall as possible by (a) chopping and plowing under 4 inches or more of dirt; or by (b) uprooting and burning stalks 3 weeks before frost where impossible to bury them. Use cover crops, clovers and grains especially.
10. Quit depending on advances, get out of debt. Quit moving around, buy a home, build up the soil. "Use more brains and less brawn."



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A LEADER WHO REFUSES TO LEAD.

(Cleveland Plain Dealer.)

Doubtless President Wilson could depose Representative Claud Kitchen from the leadership of the new House, if he cared to do so. And, doubtless, his action would be rather widely approved. Kitchen would be held to deserve as severe a penalty as that.

But the President proposes to do nothing of the kind, according to reports from the capital. The North Carolinian will be permitted to reap the fruits of his long service and to accept the leadership at the obliging hands of the priority rule. It is probably best.

The administration has no wish to drive any one into support of the preparedness programme. The entire project has been undertaken in an entirely different spirit. It is a case of all elements and all shades of opinion getting together to plan the best method to promote the common good.

Forecasts based on more or less accurate polls are that the national defense programme will have large favorable majorities in both branches of Congress. Whether this prove true or not, the position of the administration will not be changed. If the country does not want preparedness, the country will make its position known and insist that its wish be obeyed. In that case the President would lose on that issue but the responsibility would rest upon the people of the United States.

No such outcome seems possible. Every indication is that Representative Kitchen, so far as this big issue of the coming session is concerned, will be leader merely by courtesy title. The real leadership will go elsewhere for the time.

It is an unfortunate position in which the North Carolina man finds himself. Doubtless, his judgment against preparedness is thoroughly honest; certainly there is no reason to question its sincerity. But a leader who endeavors to obstruct the will of his party and of its chief is in rather a sorry plight, regardless of the honesty of his convictions.

The priority rule has much to answer for, but perhaps nothing more significant than its hoisting into this important House chairmanship a leader who announces beforehand that he shall refuse to lead.

A Scheme to Injure the Movies.

Theatrical managers are beginning to realize that the situation is serious, according to Walter Prichard Eaton in the December American Magazine, and to take action against members of their companies that go before the camera.

"It will probably not be long," says Mr. Eaton, "before a good many theatrical contracts stipulate the exclusive services of the players, just as certain movie manufacturers have, in retaliation, already begun to talk about demanding the exclusive services of their players. It will be a merry war!"

Charles Frohman would not continue in his services any star who acted for the movies, and the firm which has taken over his business abides by his old rule. The Metropolitan Opera Company of New York has announced that in future it will take a share of all moneys received by its artists, either from phonograph or movie appearances. Undoubtedly other managers in charge of singers and actors will take analogous action."

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Fuller left today for their home in Colorado Springs, Colo., after visiting the family of their brother, C. E. Fuller of this city.

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